

2018 Missions Accomplished

In 29 years of ministry, MOST Ministries has sent 511 teams and 6,067 short-term missionaries to 50 countries. These teams have impacted the lives of 230,616 people around the world.

2018 Annual Report

Mission Opportunities Short Term

The generosity of MOST Ministries' donors is one of our greatest blessings. Your support sends teams to places where they can make an eternal difference. Your compassion impacts lives all over the world for Jesus Christ.

Country	Team Members	Ministry Provided	Lives Impacted	Team Leader
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Belize	12	Eyeglass	582	Darcy Zent
Belize	10	Water	286	Roxann Leidel
Belize	15	Eyeglass	774	Nancy Jankowski
Belize	13	Eyeglass	419	Roxann Leidel
Detroit, MI	13	Painting East Bethlehem Church	50	**
Dominican Republic	8	Construction	50	Brian Zirbel
Guatemala	12	Eyeglass	681	Kevin Gambill
Guatemala	9	Eyeglass	652	Kevin Gambill
Guatemala	8	CUAA Nursing	250	Cindy Pine
Guatemala	11	Water	600	Kelly Bone
Guatemala	10	Construction/H&H	150	Barbara Hoffmeier
Guatemala	11	Medical	450	Steve Hayes
Guatemala	11	Eyeglass	950	Nancy Jankowski
Guatemala	6	Eyeglass	653	Debby Suchyta
Guatemala	16	Medical	850	Cheri Dennis
Mexico	5	Construction	10	Debby Suchyta
Mexico	10	Water	170	Sandy Hardies
Ysleta	9	Construction	100	Paul Johnson and Katie Cowan
Nicaragua	8	Medical	493	Steve Hayes
South Africa	9	Eyeglass	706	Sandy Hardies
Tanzania	13	Eyeglass/Evangelism	1,090	Sarah DePriest
Uganda	8	Water	858	Jen Robertson
Uganda	10	Water/Agriculture	1,801	Debby Suchyta

Lives Impacted 12,625

** Domestic teams utilize a team member as their Team Leader

GOD CONTINUES TO OPEN DOORS

I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. Revelation 3:8

2018 was a year of many open doors for MOST Ministries, and the Ministry's Goers and Senders responded accordingly with servants' hearts. By year end, 12,625 lives were impacted for Christ in 9 countries. Over 6,200 pairs of refurbished eyeglasses were distributed. More than 450 water filters were installed in extremely modest family homes. Over 2,000 people received medical care. And approximately 2,000 additional people were touched by construction, agriculture, and evangelism teams. In all, we had a total of 216 Goers, more than 100 Senders (volunteering a total of 6,550 hours), and numerous donors who have a heart for sharing the Gospel with lost and hurting people all over the world.

Tanzania

In July 2018, MOST Ministries sent an eyeglass team to Tanzania. Team members ranged in age from 15 to 77. They worked in an area of Tanzania with a large Muslim population and most mornings were awakened by the Islamic Call to Prayer. Over 850 people were examined and fitted for eyeglasses by the team. Many of the eye issues observed were severe – pterygium and cataracts were detected in nearly everyone. Our team saw 9 year olds and several teenagers, many of whom needed cataract surgery, and several blind people. A local optometrist and a government official came through the eyeglass clinic unannounced. The optometrist was so impressed with how lovingly our team served the local people that he volunteered to examine those who exhibited the most serious symptoms after office hours.

Yet, the most amazing thing that happened while our team served in Tanzania, was how the Holy Spirit opened door after door when they evangelized in the surrounding villages. The local Lutheran pastor, assisted by team member Pastor Mark Pflug, baptized 232 people! Praise God!

CUAA Nursing School

Again in July 2018, MOST Ministries sent its first-ever medical mission team of graduating students from Concordia University Ann Arbor's nursing school to Guatemala. The students received excellent "hands on" clinical experience working alongside our Guatemalan host (who is both a medical doctor and Lutheran pastor), as he treated patients.

Uganda

In 2018 new doors were opened in Uganda, a country in which MOST Ministries had never served. The two teams sent to Uganda provided desperately needed health and hygiene education in conjunction with installing 159 water filters in the homes of families whose only source of drinking water was contaminated. While installing water filters in homes, our team members shared a devotion and prayed with each family, telling them about Jesus, the TRUE Living Water, and how the waters of baptism can purify their souls and give them hope of eternal life.

During 2018 we received more requests for future water filter teams. Filtration units that can filter out bacteria and viruses from highly contaminated ponds, lakes and rivers cost the Ministry \$100 per unit. The statistics, behind the increase in requests for more water filter teams, are staggering:

- The World Health Organization has stated that approximately 1.8 billion people drink water each day that is contaminated with feces.

YEAR REVIEW: 2018

LIVES IMPACTED
12,625

COUNTRIES SERVED
9

PROJECTS
7

"GOERS"
216

EYEGLASSES DISTRIBUTED
6,275

WATER FILTERS INSTALLED
450+

MEDICAL CARE RECEIVED
2,000+

"SENDERS"
100+
SERVED OVER
6,550+ hrs



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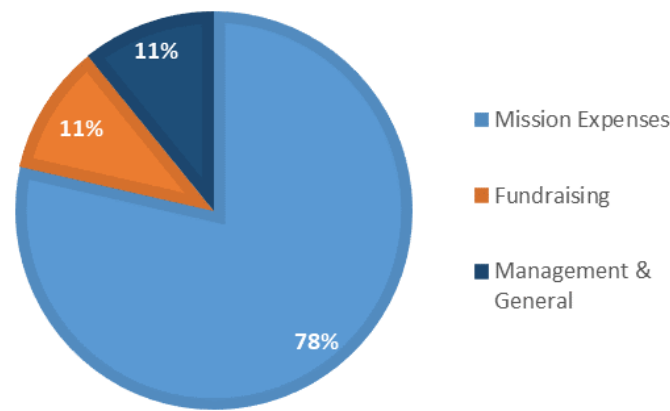
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MOST Ministries Financial Statistics for 2018

Key Personnel Involved in the Ministry

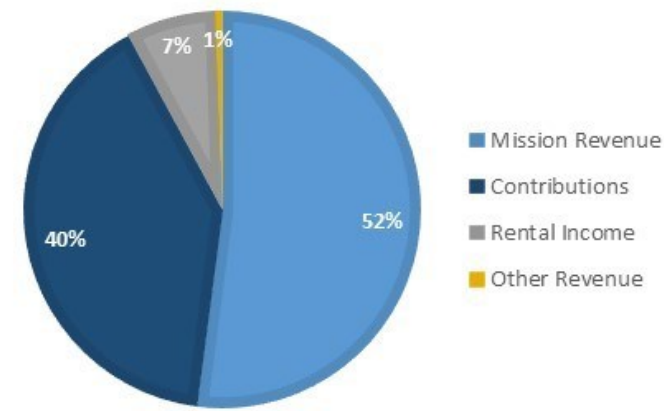
EXPENSES



Expenses:

Mission Expenses	742,256
Fundraising	100,027
Management & General	<u>102,325</u>
Total Expenses	\$944,608

REVENUE



Revenue by Source:

Mission Revenue	549,408
Contributions	423,266
Rental Income	77,055
Other Revenue	<u>5,595</u>

Information is taken from the audited financial statements of Mission Opportunity Short Term.

South Africa Eyeglass Clinic

In September 2018, God opened another door when MOST Ministries launched a four-year program designed to equip and empower members of St. Peter Confessional Lutheran Church in Mfluzi, Middleburg, South Africa. The program allows St. Peter's members to put their faith into action by running their own permanent eyeglass clinic and sharing the Gospel within their community, throughout South Africa, and eventually throughout the continent of Africa. By October 2018 a brick and mortar clinic was built, and St. Peter's "Caring Friends" Eyeglass Clinic officially opened. A MOST Ministries eyeglass team participated in the worship service and celebration, and trained the local "Caring Friends" team to examine people for eyeglasses and share the Gospel with those who visited their clinic. Now that it is up and running, the goals for the clinic are to:

- be self-sustainable through the collection of a nominal per person examination fee;

- restore dignity to local people by providing employment opportunities; and
- empower local people to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the people they serve.

This joint endeavor was made possible through a generous grant from the Michigan District-LCMS "Hear We Stand" Campaign, commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, and support from COFA (Christian Outreach for Africa), a Christian nonprofit organization that provides legal and financial oversight for new and established Christian outreach organizations in Africa.

We are grateful for the doors that God opened to MOST Ministries in 2018, and look forward to the future doors of opportunity to serve and glorify Him in new places and in new ways -- that no one can shut.

2018 Staff Additions

In July 2018 Ruth Martin was hired by the MOST Ministries Board of Directors as its new Executive Director. Sarah DePriest, who had been the Interim Director since July 2017, became Associate Director and took on team administration responsibilities in addition to grant writing and mission engagement duties. Kaleigh Bone was hired in June 2018 to work on communications, marketing, and team support, and Tyler Seehafer was hired in November 2018 as a full-time Team Administrator.

2018 Board of Directors

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Gayle Sommerfeld, Emeritus

2018 Legacy Members

This essential group of generous individuals provides annual ongoing and dependable financial support for MOST Ministries. The Legacy Team members make five-year pledges of at least \$1,000 per year. In 2018, we had a total of 37 current Legacy members. They are a tremendous blessing to the ministry.

2018 Team Leaders

Tim Bernthal - Trainee
Kelly Bone
Kathryn Chrzanowski
Katie Cowan - Trainee
Cheri Dennis
Sarah DePriest
Kevin Gambill

Sandy Hardies
Steve Hayes
Barbara Hoffmeier
Nancy Jankowski
Paul Johnson - Trainee
Dennis Leidel
Roxann Leidel

Alysia Masters
Cindy Pine
Jen Robertson
Debby Suchyta
Annette Trelfa - Trainee
Darcy Zent
Brian Zirbel

2018 Staff

Kaleigh Bone
Kelly Bone
Sarah DePriest
Jeanne Mantey

Ruth Martin
Patti Monroe
Tyler Seehafer
Debby Suchyta

Linda Thompson
Lynn Wrightson
Anna Valaskova

2018 Photo Highlights



Bishop Mandla Khumalo is cutting the ribbon for the opening of the Caring Friends Eyeglass Clinic in South Africa.



Team 1811 went to Tanzania and had the joy of baptizing 232 people in the 4 days they served.